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SUBJECT: RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL OF OIL COMPANY OFFICIALS

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1. CALTEX MANAGER DASHIELL APRIL 1 REPORTS HIS CABLE TO CALTEX HQ IN NEW YORK ON MALAGASY REFUSAL TO GRANT EXIT VISAS WAS SENT MARCH 28 BEFORE HE RECEIVED WORD FROM AMBASSADOR OF NEW FINANCE MINISTER'S DECISION TO LIFT RESTRICTION ON TRAVEL OF OIL COMPANY GENERAL MANAGERS (REF A). IN ANY EVENT, DASHIELL'S CABLE OF MARCH 28 CONCERNED ONLY PROPOSED TRAVEL TO REUNION BY TWO SECONDARY-LEVEL CALTEX OFFICIALS. SINCE MID-FEBRUARY ALL TRAVEL TO REUNION BY MALAGASY OR FOREIGNERS RESIDENT IN MADAGASCAR HAS BEEN SEVERELY RESTRICTED, REQUIRING SPECIAL INDIVIDUAL APPROVAL BY MILITARY DIRECTORY. CONTROLS ON TRAVEL TO REUNION HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH PROBLEMS OF OIL COMPANIES.

2. CONFIRMING FINANCE MINISTER'S REPORT OF MARCH 28 THAT BAN ON TRAVEL OF OIL COMPANY GENERAL MANAGERS NOW LIFTED, DASHIELL REPORTS THAT MANAGER OF SHELL DEPARTED APRIL 1 ON AIR MADAGASCAR FLIGHT TO PARIS. DASHIELL HIMSELF PLANS TO RESUBMIT APPLICATION FOR EXIT VISA APRIL 2, AND EXPECTS IT WILL BE APPROVED.
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